

BIBLE SOCIETY OFFICER BERATES FUNDAMENTALISTS

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The following article is reprinted from The Fundamentalist Digest, Nov.-Dec. 1997 (Don Jasmin, Editor, P.O. Box 2322, Elkton, MD 21922)--

In an article published in the Oct. 16, 1997 issue of Baptists Today, Barclay Newman, the senior translations officer for the American Bible Society, berated Biblical Fundamentalists by claiming that Fundamentalists place a "claustrophobic framework" (p. 6) upon the Scripture. Insinuating that Fundamentalists have a deficient spiritual mentality, Newman writes: "Unfortunately the mentality of fundamentalism tends to foster a 'claustrophobic framework,' a literal, legalistic interpretation which often suffocates scripture and fails to see the 'larger picture' for their false notions of masculine superiority."

According to Newman, these "false notions of masculine superiority" are most evident in the Fundamentalist "manipulation of 1 Timothy 2:9-15 for the exploitation of women by forbidding them equal opportunity for ministry in the churches." Newman claims that Paul's admonitions in 1 Tim. 2 and also 1 Cor. 14:34-35 are "not for every situation" and that they "do not prescribe what must be done in every church of every generation. "In his conclusion, Newman pleads with his readers not to allow themselves to remain prisoners of "fundamentalism's claustrophobic framework" and "suffocating framework," which would "refuse half of the human race the opportunity for Christian ministry simply because of a certain birth defect by which they were born female."

The real problem listed above, however, is not fundamentalism's literalism, but Newman's liberalism. The dilemma is not fundamentalism's "claustrophobic framework" but Newman's catastrophic foolish words; it is not fundamentalism's "exploitation" of Scripture, but Newman's embezzlement of Scripture that is the issue. Biblical Fundamentalists simply believe that Paul wrote under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, and that his words were inspired, infallible and inerrant (2 Tim. 3:16-17).

While the scripture teaches a divinely granted equality of persons (Gen. 1:26-27, Eph. 5:21), it also teaches a divinely given distinction of position. Two heads make a monstrosity! In the family women should be submissive to their spouse's leadership, and in the church they should be in subjection to the shepherd's leadership. Newman did not refer to 1 Tim. 3, where Paul stated that "If a man desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work." The qualification that a bishop must "be the husband of one wife" is impossible for a female to fulfill! (Unless one accepts the wicked sexual perversions being promulgated by apostate liberals.)

Newman's radical unbiblical views are not surprising, since according to the article, he "led the team which translated the Contemporary English Version [CEV] of the Bible in 1995." The

CEV eliminates nearly every major doctrinal theme word in Scripture including , atonement, propitiation, repentance, and even grace!

CONCLUDING NOTE FROM BROTHER CLOUD: Our book Unholy Hands on God's Holy Book: A Report on the United Bible Societies exposes the horrible apostasy of the major Bible societies. In this book we document the vast influence of the UBS and its efforts to systematically replace faithful versions of the Bible with corruptions. I wrote this book during our missionary years in Nepal, when I was dealing firsthand with United Bible Societies leaders in Asia. It is \$5.00 from Way of Life Literature, 1701 Harns Rd., Oak Harbor, WA 98277. Postage is 15% (\$3 minimum for States and \$5 minimum elsewhere). There is an online catalog at the Way of Life web site -- <http://wayoflife.org/~dcloud/catalog/index2.htm/>.